



Indiana to launch teacher preparation and recruitment program



Dec. 19, 2007- Governor Daniels talks with students at Arsenal Tech High School in Indianapolis.

Dec. 19, 2007- Governor Mitch Daniels joined state and national education leaders to announce that Indiana will be the first state to launch the Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship, a program that will encourage the nation's top talents to seek long-term teaching careers in Indiana's high-need classrooms.

"We're talking about the Rhodes Scholarships of teaching with Indiana as the first state to award them and the first state whose young people will benefit. Nothing gives a child a better chance in life than an excellent teacher. The reverse is also true. Anything we can do to increase the quality of teaching in Hoosier classrooms will pay off enormously in brighter futures for our kids," said Daniels, visiting Arsenal Technical High School to make the announcement.

The Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellowship will provide fellows with a \$30,000 stipend to complete a year-long master's program at Ball State University, Purdue University, the University of Indianapolis or Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. The program is open to college seniors, recent graduates and career-changers with outstanding undergraduate records and majors in math or science who are willing to teach in high-need schools in Indiana for three years. The Indiana fellowship program will prepare 80 new math and science teachers for the state each year and will be supported by a grant from the Lilly Endowment.

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Governor commends BMV for customer service

Dec. 21, 2007- Governor Daniels joined BMV Commissioner Ron Stiver at the BMV administrative offices to applaud employees for efforts resulting in higher customer satisfaction levels, lower customer visit times, operational efficiencies and savings of more than \$4.5 million. The governor and commissioner also announced the BMV's new discount program for online vehicle registrations.

"It's been a long, hard process, with some mistakes along the way, but today's BMV is a dramatically better operation than it has been historically. The numbers and customer ratings prove it," said Daniels. "There's plenty more improvement to come, starting with today's two new innovations. But it's well to pause and say thanks to the employees of the BMV for the remarkable progress they've achieved."

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Dec. 20, 2007- Gov. Daniels with BMV employee Rachel Shaw during a visit to the call center.

Machining company to grow its southeast Indiana operations

Dec. 17, 2007- MKM Machine Company, Inc., a provider of precision machining services, announced it will expand its operations in Jeffersonville, creating more than 50 new jobs by 2010.

The privately-owned company plans to invest more than \$6 million to add new computer hardware and software and machining equipment to its 280,000-square foot facility on the city's north side.

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